

THE EPISTLE

MAY - 2022

We, as members of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church have come to faith by God's grace and have seen that Jesus came to earth to save us from our sins. We are compelled to grow spiritually and to share this good news with each other, through the Word and Sacraments. We, as our loving response, will present Christ crucified to the world. We apply these truths in our daily lives all to the glory of God!

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Power Made Perfect in Weakness

The Lord said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong. -- 2 Corinthians 12:9,10

When fishing from my boat, I used to wear my life jacket only when there were large waves. I would never wear one when the weather was nice. The irony is that I was safer in bad weather with a life jacket than in good weather without a life jacket.

We can be tempted to do the same in our spiritual lives. When things are going well, we don't always express our trust in God and confidently depend on him. We think we have everything under our control. But when the storms of life reveal our weakness, we are led to plead for God's help and turn to him for strength. Ironically, we are stronger during difficult times because of Christ's power than during good times when we tend to trust in ourselves.

Are you feeling weak and vulnerable? Trust in Christ and his sufficient grace to bring you through your troubles.

Prayer:

When difficulties and troubles weaken me, Jesus, wrap me in your strength and lead me by your grace. Teach me to depend on you for help and guidance in all matters of my life, confidently trusting that you will help me by your power as my Lord. Amen.

"The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away; may the name of the LORD be praised." - Job 1:21

LADIES AID

The St. Paul's Ladies Aid met on April 6, 2022, at 1:30 PM.

Pastor Hirsch led the devotions.

The 5th and 6th grade students entertained.

President Carol Schlieve called the meeting to order.

Roll call was taken. There were 8 members and 1 guest present.

The March minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer Carole Kopietz reported a balance of \$549.89.

Correspondence was read.

Reports given:

Flower-Marian Tinius

Palms were bought for Palm Sunday and two Easter Lilies for Easter.

LWMS-Carol Schlieve

The Spring Rally will be held Saturday, April 23 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hoskins, Ne.
Kitchen-Carol Wachter

A motion was made and seconded to send a \$50.00 donation to NELHS for their Pre-Graduation event. Motion carried.

The Birthday song was sung for JoAnn Grebe and Ella Klug.

Group 2 will serve next.

The next meeting will be on May 5 at 12:00 noon for our annual birthday party with a covered dish lunch. Marian Tinius will be Hostess.

Roll call will be "Your favorite Hymn".

The meeting adjourned by singing "Abide O Dearest Jesus".

Carol Wachter,
Ladies Aid Secretary

April RADIO BROADCASTS (94.7 FM -- Sunday at 9:00 AM)

April 3 - St. Paul's Radio Broadcast Fund

April 10 - St. Paul's Radio Broadcast Fund

April 17 - St. Paul's Radio Broadcast Fund

April 24 - St. Paul's Radio Broadcast Fund

Church Attendance:

March 23 Lent = 81 (18%)

March 26 (68), March 27 (86) = 154 (34%)

March 30 Lent = 113 (25%)

April 2 (54), April 3 (108) = 162 (36%)

April 6 Lent = 153 (34%)

April 9 (63), April 10 (188) = 251 (55%)

Maundy Thurs. = 151 (33%)

Good Fri. = 154 (33%)

Easter Sunrise (82), Easter 9:00 AM (216) = 298 (65%)

Communion Attendance:

April 2 & 3 = 114 (30%)

Weddings: None

Baptisms:

04/10/22 Avery Jo Cerny* -- *daughter of Dylan & Amy Cerny*

*non-member

Funerals: None

Monthly Calendars may be picked up in your mailslots at church.